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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Trade Mission To Peking

It is only a little over three months since a group of Chinese trade officials visited London for talks with the Sino-British committee, representing British companies at home and in Hongkong concerned with expanding trade between the two countries. The July talks were to a large extent exploratory since it was virtually the first official meeting between Chinese officials and British traders since the embargo was placed on the export of strategic goods early in the Korean war. The talks were concerned primarily with an attempt to put permitted trade on a better basis. The meeting also gave the Chinese an opportunity of learning what British companies could supply and both Hongkong and British traders tried (in vain it seems) to convince them of the advantage of using the trading facilities of this Colony. Now it is announced that the Sino-British committee will send its delegation on a return visit to Peking and the stage has been reached where Chinese officials and British businessmen will be able to discuss the placing of definite contracts. The decision to include representatives of Hongkong companies will undoubtedly be welcomed by business circles in the Colony, more for the reason that it marks a definite stage of improvement in trading relations with China than for any increased trade it is likely to bring to the Colony. For Hongkong businessmen who know the Chinese attitude do not believe that the Colony will benefit appreciably from these missions—at least until the embargo is lifted—even though an increased flow of trade may result from them. For the time being the Chinese have stated a clear preference for direct trade with Britain. There is certainly to be ill feeling about the composition of the British delegation. The small business houses in the Colony no doubt feel that they are being deprived of the opportunity of "getting in on the ground floor" of the China trade. We feel however that of the Hongkong representatives selected, the majority are men who deserve this opportunity to expand trade with China and are the most suitable representatives of the Colony's business community for this occasion.

### A Grand Prix For Hongkong

It is not surprising that Hongkong's motor enthusiasts should feel a little envious of the fact that our tiny neighbour colony, Macao, staged the first Grand Prix in the history of the China Coast. With the "magnificent array of talent in the way of cars and drivers and a ready-made circuit for perfect road racing" in Hongkong, the feeling is that we should have set the fashion. In fact the project was considered for this Colony but the planners came up against those inevitable official barriers and so the idea had to be shelved. Now an appeal is made by Mr Paul Du Toit for these barriers to be lowered to enable the Hongkong Grand Prix project to be reconsidered. This is a reasonable request which the authorities and the transport companies involved should reconsider. The entire event could be staged in two days and this is hardly likely to cause any serious inconvenience to residents of the racing area—if that is the major cause of apprehension. The general principle of keeping public roads for the public use and not allowing them to be "closed" or "reserved" for any special purpose is generally a sound one but we feel that an exception could be made in this particular case as indeed exceptions are made for processions and the like at certain times of the year. Meanwhile congratulations to the organizers of the Macao event. It was a great success and a credit to all those in the two colonies who put in much time and trouble into the organization of it.

# THRILLING RACE FOR 2 KEY SEATS

## Democrats May Control Senate As Well

### COMFORTABLE MAJORITY IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, Nov. 3.

A tense race for two vital seats in the U.S. Senate has still not been decided. As the China Mail went to press, the Democrats were slightly ahead in the Oregon contest and the Republican candidate in the New Jersey contest had claimed a narrow victory over his Democratic opponent.

Throughout the morning, the New Jersey figures changed, giving first the lead to the Democratic candidate and then to the Republican. Even though the Republican candidate has a slight majority of votes, a recount has been ordered and the result will not be declared officially for possibly another month.

Assuming that the Democrats hold Oregon and the Republicans win New Jersey, the Democrats will have 48 seats to 47 for the Republicans. In addition, Senator Wayne Morse, the independent, has announced he will vote with the Democrats. This would give the Democrats a majority of two in the Senate.

In the House of Representatives elections, with only one contest still undecided, the Democrats held 231 seats to 203 for the Republicans. The Democrats need only 218 to control the House.

The Democrats also made spectacular gains in the State Governorships. They won seven from the Republicans—Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York and Pennsylvania, in addition to their victory in Maine in September.

Clifford Case Jr., who came from behind to force ahead of his Democratic opponent, Representative Charles Howell, tonight claimed victory in New Jersey's race for the U.S. Senate with a margin of 1,388 votes.

When unofficial returns were completed from all of New Jersey's 3,992 districts, Mr. Case's campaign manager, Mr. Kenneth Perry, issued the following statement: "The election is over. Clifford Case has won."

Officially, the contest is still a photo finish, with the certified outcome to be decided in a month-long recount of the 1,700,000 votes cast for the two candidates.

## Republicans Allege Irregularities

### Inquiry Ordered in New York Contest

New York, Nov. 3. A sweeping investigation into "alleged irregularities" in New York State vote for the Governorship was ordered today.

The State Attorney General, Mr. Nathan L. Goldstein, a Republican, ordered an investigation by the Election Fraud Bureau of his Department. He said he ordered the investigation "in view of the extensive challenge list and the number of complaints which my office is receiving of all alleged irregularities."

Governor Thomas Dewey already had ordered a recount and commanded police to stand night and day guard duty over all election equipment and records. Mr. Harriman led Republican Senator Irving Ives by a majority of 11,041 votes, with all but 16 of the State's 10,436 election districts accounted for in official tabulations. The figures gave Mr. Ives 2,541,224 and Mr. Harriman 2,532,205.

Most of the 16 districts still missing in the tally were in predominantly Republican rural areas. Mr. Goldstein announced in New York City that his investigation would cover mainly metropolitan New York City, including all five counties of the City and the outlying counties of Nassau, Westchester and Suffolk.

Mr. Harriman gained his greatest support in the New York area.—United Press.

Democrat Richard Neuberger of Oregon went ahead of Senator Guy Cordon, the Republican incumbent, late today. With 2,399 of the State's 2,499 precincts reporting, Mr. Neuberger held a slim 91-vote lead over Mr. Cordon, who at one time today was ahead by 13,000 votes. The vote gave Mr. Cordon 263,993 and Mr. Neuberger 264,084.

Democrat Joseph O'Mahoney, won Wyoming's U.S. Senate race over Republican Henry Harrison. Mr. O'Mahoney had a firm lead of 55,388 votes to 52,332 for Mr. Harrison in returns from 647 of Wyoming's 670 precincts.

Sixteen important precincts in Casper still had not been counted. But other returns from the area indicated that Mr. Harrison could not make up more than a few hundred of the 3,000-odd votes by which he trailed the former Democratic Senator.

**DEMOCRAT GOVERNORS**  
Democrats won a majority of America's Governorships for the first time since 1931. They captured at least seven Republican State houses, including New York and Pennsylvania, and held all their own. They have won 18 of the total of 33 Governors' seats contested.

The sweep overthrew Republican control of New York for the first time since Governor Thomas Dewey, who is retiring, took over 12 years ago.

Hawaii voters elected Democrats to power in the Legislature for the first time in its history but they elected Republicans to the Honolulu City Hall, which has been held by the Democrats since 1940.

**ELECTION POSTMORTEM**  
Politicians today held an election postmortem trying to determine what issues were successful, which failed and why the voter in some instances overturned the predictions of the experts.

A week ago, the political analysts recorded firm evidence of apathy among the electorate in this mid-Presidential term election. Today, the vote count indicates that a new record would be established.

Much of this was attributed to the 11th hour "get-out-the-vote" campaigning by the Republicans led by President Eisenhower and the opposition Democrats led by Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

The great mid-western farm belt was reported to be in revolt against the Republican Administration's farm price programme which would reduce the right high government subsidies and the experts predicted heavy Republican losses in the rural areas.

But Senator Guy Gillette, the Democrat incumbent in the farm state of Iowa, who championed high subsidies, was defeated by a Republican challenger who supported the Administration's idea of a flexible and lower price system.

There was farmer dissatisfaction in many states which gave the Democrats gains in the House of Representatives but the anticipated big decisive revolt on which the Democrats relied for a sweep of both the Senate and House did not materialize to a really significant extent.

The landslide, forecast by former President Harry Truman, just did not happen, although the Democrats cut into Republican Governorships and captured control of the House of Representatives by a respectable margin.

**MCCARTHYISM**  
The results led the Washington Evening Star to declare that the one thing which the election clearly proved was that the American voter was "an unfathomable and unpredictable creature."

McCarthyism and the man who gave it his name, Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, was an issue in only a few contests.

The anti-McCarthy forces accepted as significant the fact that in the Senator's home state, a Republican Congressman, Mr. Charles Kersten, who went all out for the McCarthy programme, was defeated as was Mr. Joseph Meek, another of his supporters, who challenged Democratic Senator Paul Douglas for the Senate seat in Illinois.

In the editorial opinion of the Washington Star, the McCarthy issue, if not laid to rest before the election, "is certainly buried now."

The politicians are also taking a new look at the influence of President Eisenhower which he committed to the campaign at the frantic urgings of Republicans who saw in his personal intervention the salvation of their chances of victory.

**IKES'S EFFORTS**  
Mr. Eisenhower's unprecedented efforts were undoubtedly a major factor in stirring up voter interest in the campaign. But his influence on behalf of the Republican candidates for Senate seats and Governorships in seven states which he personally visited was not impressive in six of nine states his specially endorsed candidates were defeated.

On the overall national level, however, there were political authorities who felt that the Presidential efforts had been effective in checking the threat of a Democrat sweep.—All Agencies.

## At 77, He Re-enlists For 6 More Years

Washington, Nov. 3. Sergeant Horst W. Tittel, 77, has re-enlisted for six more years in the United States Air Force.

The Secretary of Air, Mr. Harold Talbot, administered the oath to the Sergeant, who after 46 years of service, has the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. These days no

commissioned status so that he would not have to retire after the second world war. He still holds his rank in the reserves. "If you stay in the service," the Sergeant said, "you can get up in the morning and know you can go to work. If you're retired, you don't know what to do." He was born in Lohr, Germany.

He is now an administrative supervisor in the Alaska Air Command, with headquarters at Anchorage. He was brought to Washington for the special swearing in ceremony. An Air Force spokesman said there was no compulsory retirement age for non-commissioned men in the Air Force. Officers had a retirement age limit of 62.—China Mail Special.

## Four Men Injured In This Train Crash



Four railwaymen were injured and an estimated damage of 600,000 DM caused when twenty goods wagons crashed on the track at Bremen-Bremerhaven—Germany, recently.—London Express Photo.

## Israel Border Incidents Cause Concern

Jerusalem, Nov. 3. Three hundred head of sheep were stolen early this morning by three armed Jordanians in the Neve-Or Settlement in the Jordan Valley, it was reported today.

The guards of the settlement opened fire but were too late to stop the robbers. Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, in its meeting yesterday, expressed deep concern over the deteriorating situation along the Egyptian-Israeli border.

Reports about incidents and attacks in the border region included: The blowing up of a bridge in the Elath area; The blowing up of a house in the Hataev settlement; The blasting of the water life line to Negev three times.

The attack by fifty men of an Israeli group in the Southern desert; The blowing up of two houses in the Rattish settlement.

Sources close to the Government say the military nature of the operations leaves no doubt that the Egyptian authorities were involved. The sources also indicated that representations by American, British, French and United Nations observers so far were fruitless.

The Committee's statement said the border settlers were disturbed and anxious that drastic steps be taken after Israel's long restraint.—United Press.

## 47 Killed In Landslides

Bogota, Nov. 3. Forty-seven people were killed in landslides yesterday and today.

Forty died when the small Railway community of El Limon was buried by a landslide yesterday. Seven others were killed today when another landslide crushed a house on the highway between Ibague and Chapeton.

El Limon is on the railway connecting Medellin, Colombia's second largest city, and Puerto Berrio on the Magdalena River.—United Press.

## As France Rushes In More Troops

## OUTLAWS LAY SIEGE TO MOUNTAIN CITY

Algiers, Nov. 3. One thousand nationalist outlaws tonight commanded the heights overlooking Arris, mountain capital of the Aures region, and kept buildings under a harassing fire with their automatic weapons.

Linked by portable radios and helped by the rough terrain, the outlaws are expected to put up a protracted guerrilla defence against the special security forces despatched to quell the terrorist outbreaks throughout Algeria.

Arris has now been almost cut off from the world for two days. A relief force of police broke through a series of road blocks on Monday and wrested control of the town from the outlaws, but they are still able to blow up roads and disrupt communications.

French authorities have seized the Algerian nationalist, Communist and Trade Union leaders in a big roundup following Monday's terrorist attacks throughout the territory, it was disclosed here today.

## RED LEADER HELD

The Secretary-General of the Algerian Communist Party and some Trade Union leaders were detained, but later released.

## Dramatic End To U.N. Debate

## Egyptian Delegate Falls Dead

New York, Nov. 3. Dr. Mahmoud Azmi, leader of the Egyptian delegation, died at the United Nations today after collapsing at a Security Council meeting.

He was taken unconscious from the Security Council table across which he collapsed and carried on a stretcher to the clinic in the headquarters building.

First to reach him was Dr. Moshe A. Tov of the Israeli delegation, who rendered first aid. United Nations guards, working in relays of two, gave him artificial respiration for more than an hour and a half without avail.

A doctor said he had died soon after collapsing from a heart attack.

His collapse caused a dramatic suspension of today's meeting of the United Nations Security Council on an Israeli-Egyptian shipping incident near the Suez Canal. No date was fixed for its resumption.

Dr. Azmi, a childless widower, was a veteran of U.N. affairs and had been sent to New York for his last diplomatic tour as a specialist in Arab-Israeli affairs.—Reuter & United Press.

## Red China Envoy Meets Eden

London, Nov. 3.

Communist China's first envoy to Britain, Mr. Huan Hsiang, today paid his first call on Sir Anthony Eden, and presented the British Foreign Secretary with his formal letter of accreditation.

After spending about 10 minutes with Sir Anthony Eden, Mr. Huan paid a courtesy call on the Marquess of Reading, Minister of State, at the Foreign Office.

Mr. Huan met both Sir Anthony Eden and Lord Reading at this summer's Geneva conference on Korea and Indo-China.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Huan exchanged courtesies but discussed no questions of diplomatic substance today. As Mr. Huan holds the rank of Charge d'Affaires and not Ambassador, he will not present credentials to Queen Elizabeth.

But as a member of the diplomatic corps in London, he has been invited to the diplomatic reception which Queen Elizabeth will give at Buckingham Palace tomorrow.

It is not normal practice for a Charge d'Affaires to have personal access to the Foreign Minister of the State where he is posted.

But Mr. Humphrey Travlos, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, has personal contact with the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai and the British intention is to give Mr. Huan reciprocal privileges.—Reuter.

## New Typhoon Off Guam

Tokyo, Nov. 4. Typhoon "Pamela" with 100 miles an hour winds picked up speed in its advance on Formosa today as a new Pacific typhoon named Ruby formed south of Guam.

Air Force weather experts said in Tokyo that "Pamela" was about 300 miles east of the Northern tip of Luzon moving north-north-west.

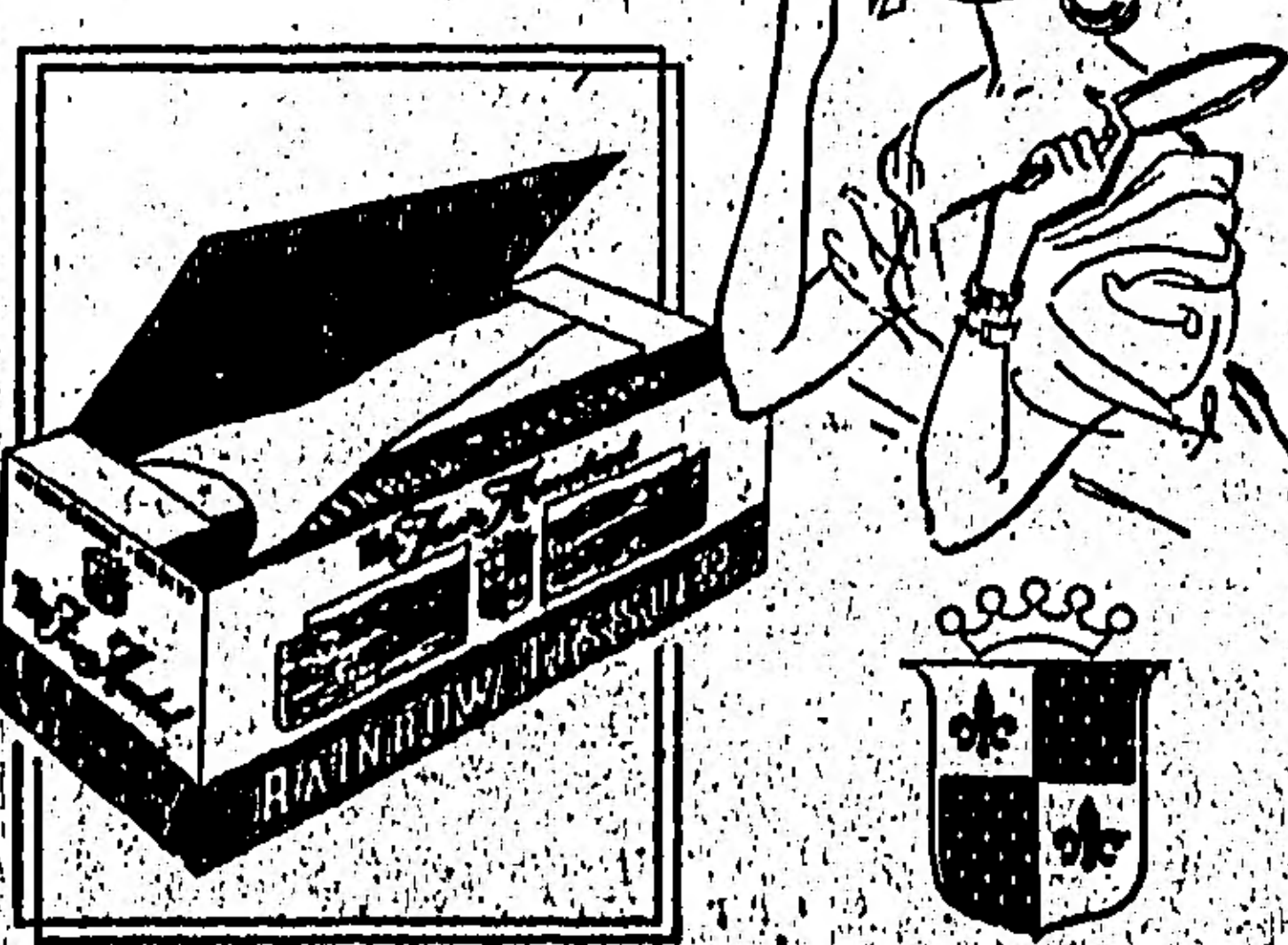
It is moving at about nine miles an hour. Typhoon Ruby which until today was classified as a tropical storm was 400 miles southeast of Guam. It had winds of about 85 miles an hour and was moving west-north-west at about 10 miles per hour.

"No area of any size will be affected by Ruby within the next 24 hours," a typhoon expert said in Tokyo.—United Press.

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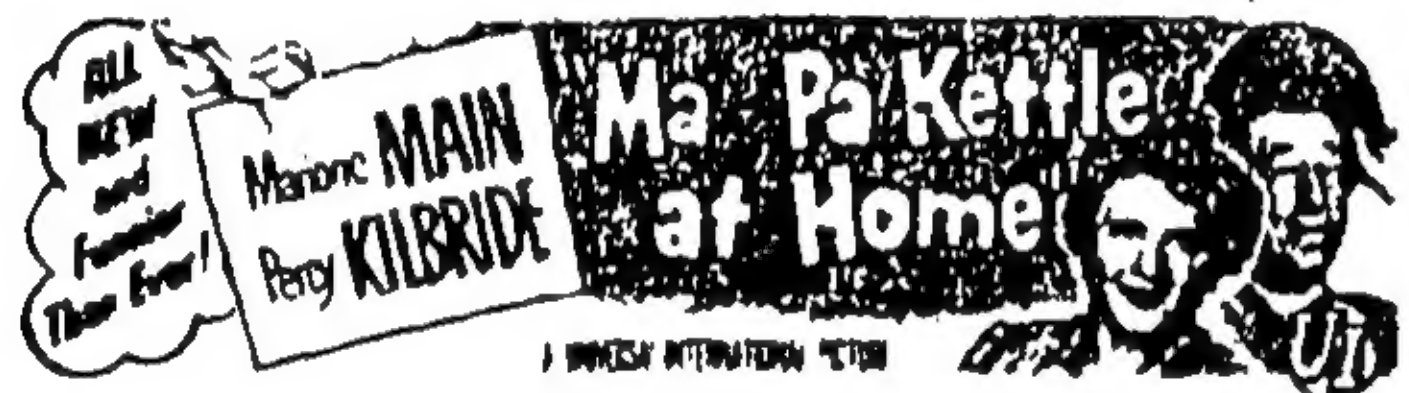
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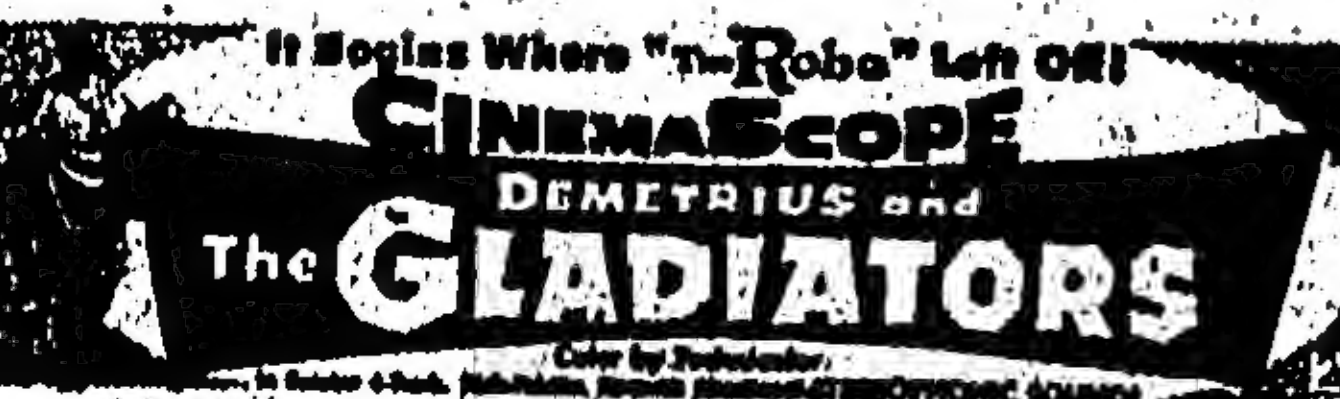
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London, Nov. 3.

Polish fishermen, who seized command of a trawler in the North Sea and sailed it to England, told a court here today of their fierce fight with a man they said was the ship's Communist political officer.

Seven of the crew of the trawler, the 160-ton Puszczuk, are charged with revolt on the high seas. The charges have been brought by the Polish Government, which is asking Britain to extradite the men.

Stanislaw Reczko, 20, one of the accused men, said the political officer on the trawler was a man named Maciaszek.

He gathered information given by a Polish Government representative to the seven men while they were in a British prison.

## EAVESDROPPING

Reczko one day saw him writing in the book just after he had been caught eavesdropping on a conversation some of the men were having in a cabin about Poles who had escaped to England.

Fearing the political officer would use what he had heard against them, Reczko and his friends decided to take refuge in England.

Four of them locked up the captain. Then three went to the political officer's cabin. They had a hard fight. The officer was "a very strong man."

A witness, Zygmunt Koleszynski, said some of the crew elected to let themselves be locked up. Then Koleszynski and his friends navigated the ship to the English fishing port of Whitby where they asked for political asylum.

Asked by Sir Hartley Shawcross, former Labour Attorney-General, defending the seven men, if there was political liberty in Poland, Koleszynski answered passionately: "The whole of Poland is one prison."

Asked what happened in Poland if a person expressed views hostile to the Government he said: "One will disappear. If it happens in public place—a restaurant or something like that—one will not be arrested immediately. But that same night, he is sure to be traced, arrested, and disappear."

One of the exhibits in court was a bludgeon with a wooden handle, two-and-a-half feet long, and coiled steel springs round the head.

Sir Hartley Shawcross in his opening speech said it had been found in the political officer's bunk, adding: "It seems a curious form of political argument."

Sir Hartley Shawcross read letters from relatives in Poland

given by a Polish Government representative to the seven men while they were in a British prison.

## CRUEL IMPLICATIONS

He commented: "It is something which really makes the blood run cold—its implications are so cruel."

He said: "One does not know what pressure have not been brought on the writers of the letters. It would be a very real coincidence if all were the really unimpaired, spontaneous action of the relatives. Most were written in a style quite foreign to the ordinary style and language in which their wives, mothers or children would have spoken."

"Very sad" letter from a wife said: "You seemed to love us too much to leave and abandon us to our fate. We had, and still have, much trouble because of you, and the amount of tears we have shed would nearly make a bath for you."

The letter referred to the family "being transported" and added: "We stay with a woman who takes care of us in the best manner she can. But still it does not help much."

Sir Hartley Shawcross commented: "That is apparently the method which in a Polish state the authorities use to visit upon wives and children the offences of which they think their husbands and fathers may have been guilty."

**POLITICAL CASE**  
The barrister said that what he sought to prove was that this was a political case, with Poland trying to get the men back to punish them for a political offence. If the court was satisfied of this, it could refuse to make an extradition order.

He added: "If these men are sent back to Poland they are likely to be liquidated, either by being done to death or being sent off to some unknown incarceration from which the world would not hear of them again."

The case was adjourned till next Wednesday—Reuter.

Tracy Takes  
The Waters

Popular Hollywood screen star Spencer Tracy keeps his eye on the indicator—as he checks up on his weight—during his visit recently to the famous health resort of Montecatini, near Florence, Italy—where he took the waters. He said that he was not suffering from any of the usual complaints—rheumatism etc.—but just wanted a spot of "invigoration."—Express Photo.

Hunters Wanted  
For Big  
Elephant Shoot

Salisbury, Nov. 3.

Southern Rhodesia is appealing for experienced European hunters to help shoot hundreds of elephants bringing the dreaded tsetse flies into the country.

Elephants come into Southern Rhodesia from Portuguese East Africa every year in search for food. They always follow the same routes, and the centuries old trails can be clearly seen on aerial photographs.

**WAIT NEAR TRAILS**  
The hunters will wait alongside the trails and destroy the elephants as they come in.

A Government spokesman said it had been proved that elephants and all moving objects brought the tsetse fly, a carrier of a trypanosomiasis, a disease causing sleeping sickness in humans, and a disease called Nagana, deadly to cattle.

The spokesman said that in the past four years 5,000 head of cattle had died in one native reserve alone. In many places, the threat from the expanding tsetse fly belts was so serious that the Government were arranging sales of cattle to ensure that Africans would get some money for their animals before the disease struck them down.

He said that as remote areas on the Southern Rhodesian borders are opened up, thousands of elephants will have to be destroyed. It is estimated that the irrigation scheme to follow from the Kariba Gorge hydro-electric dam project, in the Zambesi Valley in the north, will mean the destruction of at least 2,000.

It was impossible to turn back the elephants, and the only course open was to destroy them, the spokesman added. Because of their lack of firearms and poor marksmanship, Africans were not allowed to shoot elephants—China Mail Special.

## HIGH TREASON

Vienna, Nov. 3.

Radio Prague announced tonight that the Czechoslovak Supreme Court had sentenced three "right-wing Social Democrats" on charges of high treason and espionage.

The announcement said the three were Vladimir Gerner, V. Kubek and Zdenek Kavalir. The two other defendants tried with them were sentenced to 25 years in gaol.

The radio said that the defendants had "worked toward the integration of Czechoslovakia in the European community under American command."—France-Press.

Teachers  
Locked In

Naksoy, Denmark.

Nov. 3.  
Teachers were unable to start school at Naksoy—because they were all locked in the common room where they had met for a conference.

The lock had jammed and despite their shouts, the children enjoying extra free time in the playground outside were shouting louder.

Eventually they were able to attract the attention of a passing postman in the street outside and he fetched the locksmiths.—China Mail Special.

LITTLE SHIP'S JOB  
—TO 'PEEP' AT  
ANTARCTIC

New York, Nov. 3.

When the little, round-bottomed American ice-breaker Atka sails for the frozen Antarctic later this year, its main job, according to veteran Antarctic explorer Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, will be one of "reconnaissance."

The Atka's mission will be to pave the way for the second, and much more important, American expedition tentatively scheduled for some time in 1955.

This second expedition will be tied up with the International Geophysics Year (1957-58), and will comprise five or six ships, several icebreakers and sufficient equipment to maintain bases until early 1958.

England and Australia may be invited to join in the work of the second expedition, said Admiral Byrd, who is technical adviser to both.

At least ten branches of science will be represented in the second trip.

One of the chief aims of the scientists will be to determine whether low-lying coastal areas of the world, now swamping in the near future as the polar ice

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## DON IDDON'S DIARY NEW YORKERS RENEW A FRIENDSHIP

New York, Tuesday. MANY New Yorkers who greeted the Queen Mother remember the last royal visit, in 1939, when the then Queen Elizabeth and the late King George VI were sped down the West Side Highway at 50 m.p.h., rushed to the World Fair at Flushing Meadows, and then, the next day, given hot-dogs by President Roosevelt at Hyde Park.

I remember the bustle and confusion at the British Pavilion at the fair, the gaudy, beaming Mayor La Guardia, the Press barred by nervous police lines (although Ward Price got through), and all the frantic furs of the day.

The King and the Queen seemed among the calmest and most poised people at the fair, even though the crowd once looked like submerging the royal car. The official greeter, Grover Whalen, afterwards said to the Queen: "Your Majesty, you are good for our nerves."

The visit was a success in every way, and this present one, when the Queen Mother is here as a "private person," will be too. The Americans know the Queen Elizabeth as a Duchess, a Queen, a Queen Mother, and a Queen Grandmother, a great 1st who has filled many roles, and of them with distinction.

### A Pink Gin

THIS is a very public "private" visit, with elaborate dinners, luncheons, presentations, the bestowal of an honorary degree and a stay at the White House in Washington.

Only one Press reception is planned in Washington, at the Statler Hotel, and we've all been thoroughly briefed. Some American women reporters asked me to suggest a Press conference to the British officials and I have done so. It would not surprise me in the least if the Queen Mother agrees.

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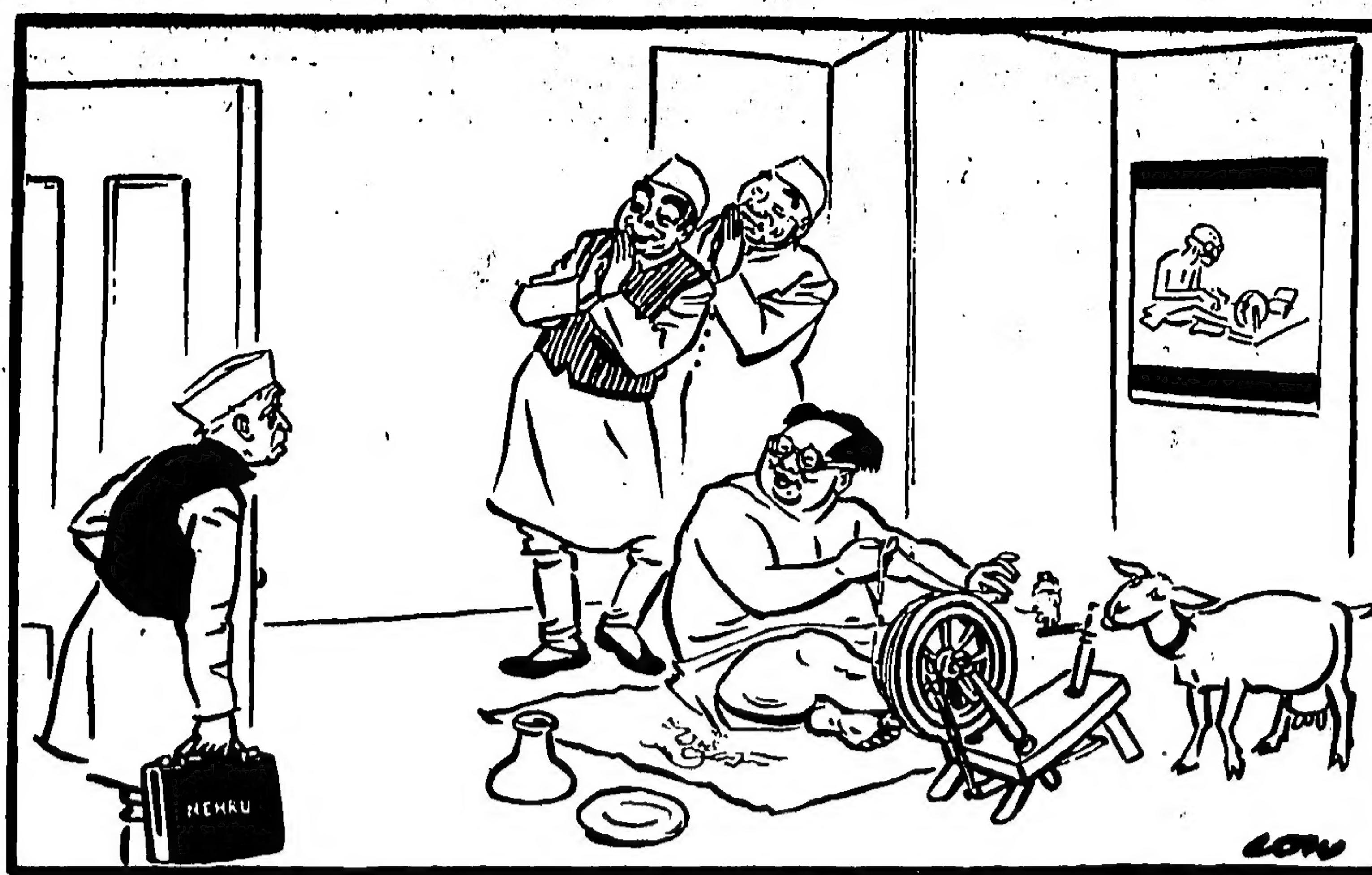
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## A Famous Painter Tells About His Sitters

# NO RIGHT PROFILE, SAID THE PRINCE

By FRANCIS MARTIN

★ This month Sir Winston Churchill will again visit Sarum Chase, the fabulous Hampshire home of portrait painter Frank Salisbury, for a sitting. (King George V said he had never seen an artist's studio like it. Nor has anyone else.)

SEVENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD Frank Owen Salisbury is painting his eighth portrait of Sir Winston Churchill, commissioned for the Jockey Club.

Fingerling the purple satin cravat which has been his favoured wear for half a century, he talks with a chuckle of an previous seven portraits and what a gruelling time he had persuading the Prime Minister to sit for as long as two minutes while making crayon studies for them. He says, "If all else failed and Sir Winston had to become an artist's model, he wouldn't make a success of it."

But this view is based on past encounters. This time Sir Winston is being fairly tractable. The other week, after talking a visiting ambassador, he gave Salisbury an hour's sitting in the studio at Chartwell, where his own canvases hang three deep round the walls. "He sat there without stirring, thinking out his problems." A further sitting in Salisbury's own studio at Sarum Chase is promised for this month.

### Opulent Home

SARUM Chase, one of the most opulent homes ever built by a fashionable artist on or near Hampstead Heath, tells much about its owner. Dating from 1933, it is in baronial Tudor, with florid flourishes. The house is a kind of twin-halled art gallery hung with Salisbury portraits and historical pieces, mostly copies.

Cavernous fireplaces are piled with monumental logs, which, in deference to the central heating, are never ignited.

Mullion windows look on to lawns that are watered by sprays and fountains at the touch of an electric button. You reach the studio by a spiral stair cut in solid masonry, the sort of stair that usually leads to belltowers in thirteenth century churches. The studio floor is in shining parquet.

"Where are the paint stains?" asked George V, with whom Salisbury was on friendly terms for twenty years. "If I spill any paint, I clean up as I go along," replied Salisbury. The King said he had never seen an artist's studio like it. Nor has anyone else.

### Americans Paid

SALISBURY refuses to think of what Sarum Chase would cost if built today. All he will say is that rent and property taxes on it come to £1,200 a year. He adds, "It was the Americans who built this house for me."

The Americans have loved him and paid highly for his portraits ever since 1925. That was the year of his first visit to the United States.

During the twenties and thirties he commonly spent six months a year in America. Most painters, oil tycoons, cereal millionaires, steel barons, university men, even White House Presidents, lined up eagerly for his facile brush.

"I have painted 400 portraits of eminent Americans, including a hundred leading men of Chicago. Even for a small canvas I have never charged less than a thousand pounds. I did jolly well."

"They warned me that owing to taxation on both sides of the Atlantic I should be lucky to get home with as much as one and six in the pound. One day I was painting Pierpont Morgan, the banker. Morgan's son said, 'You mustn't paint that. Turn yourself into a company and your family into a trust. That's what I did. Simple trick. Instead of paying eighteen and six in the pound I got away with 12 percent.'

### Fly To Him

THIS charming arrangement did not survive the war. When Salisbury went to the States in 1947 (in five months he painted 12 dollar portraits four of them Rockefeller), he was faced with new fiscal regulations, had to pay 75 percent tax, and lost hundreds of pounds on the trip. Sitters from the States are now flying to him, not he to them.

At Sarum Chase are several portraits of Mrs Salisbury, who died three years ago. Mrs Salisbury's opinions of her husband's paintings were frank and prompt. "The Arch Critic," he said, "I often wore this one while working at my desk, just to get used to it. It's no use being a king unless you can wear a crown properly."

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Frank Salisbury

Salisbury were, "I want you still to go on and do your finest work." Nearing 80, he is painting as busily as ever.

Of good sitters and bad he has endless stories. George VI sat for his portrait after the 1937 Coronation wearing 8lb. of Confessor's Crown, fetched from the Tower by an escort of Guards. After an hour the King changed into the lighter Imperial Crown with a sigh of relief. "Before the Coronation," he said, "I often wore this one while working at my desk, just to get used to it. It's no use being a king unless you can wear a crown properly."

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James's Palace by artificial light behind drawn blinds, so that nobody could see what was going on from outside. Salisbury wanted a right-profile study of the Prince to complete his great canvas of George V's jubilee thanksgiving in St Paul's.

"No," objected the Prince. "I am not going to be painted on my right side. Paint me on my left."

Salisbury objected that a left-profile would make the Prince appear to be turning his back on the King and leaving the church. The Prince was obliging. Salisbury got over the difficulty by using his miniature movie camera and getting shots of the Prince from all angles. When finished the portrait study was praised by other members of the Royal family, but the Prince, by this time Edward VIII, forbade its commercial reproduction.

### Cautious Cal

HE painted Calvin Coolidge in a light suit in preference to dark clothes, which made America's most laconic President look like a parson. "You look very distinguished in a light suit," he remarked. "It's a very distinguished suit," cracked Cautious Cal.

He painted Franklin Roosevelt in the Presidential office half-blinded by a sunbeam. Eleanor Roosevelt headed a White House hunt for tissue paper to use as a window screen. None was to be found. Yet the portrait was a success. "In a thriller," said Roosevelt, when he saw it.

Churchill is harder to please. One of Salisbury's early portraits of himself he frankly dislikes. But he is cordial about the famous Siren Suit portrait which Salisbury did for Harrow School in 1942. "That," he says, "is more what I hope I look like."

Bertram Jones Calls on the British Tommies Left in Korea. As They Prepare For Another Harsh Winter, He Notes:

## SUCH A NASTY, PERMANENT LOOK ABOUT IT ALL

Seoul. Yesterday there was a camp just off the road when we passed. Today there is nothing but flat, empty ground, pitted with teni-peg holes.

"The Ship" — the NAAFI roadhouse known to thousands of troops from Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — has vanished. A NAAFI gift shop where I stopped to look in had a notice stuck up behind the counter: "Closing down on Wednesday."

Explained the manager: "Hardly anybody left around here. Not worth keeping open."

### Handing Over

EVERYTHING was very quiet up at Division headquarters amid the brown encircling hills, with the Imjin flowing deeply past in its gorge. The General — 51-year-old General Horatio Murney, who will be going home soon and handing over command to a new Brigadier — had been out with a gun looking for pheasants, but had had no luck.

He told me how young soldiers will fill in their time this winter when rain turns the smothering grey dust into mud and the numbing Korean cold freezes it into a crust of ice, and fuel black marketeers in Seoul wax rich.

Like many of his officers, General Murney regards Korea as a splendid training ground. So there will be plenty of mobile exercises to prepare the Servicemen for any quick thrust that may or may not be necessary.

### They Wonder

THEY do not worry much about politics. If they have any opinion about Dr Syngman Rhee or his fight with the United States over devaluing the hwan they keep it to themselves.

But they count the fifteen months that have passed since the Korean truce was signed and they wonder — how much longer!

I have just returned from visiting them. The main road out of Seoul was choked with a long convoy of American vehicles whirling past through dust clouds, heading south and home.

For nearly an hour my jeep was halted in a sour-smelling Korean village, while they roared by in the morning sunshine. With my driver — a 20-year-old from Glasgow who has been here five months and has had Korea — I watched them go. Signs of war are fading along the 40 miles drive to the British Commonwealth Division positions. The brown scars have long been overgrown by weeds.

Rusting red triangles, dangling from roadside barbed-wire, warn of danger from mines hidden in dry shoulder-high grass waving behind ditches.

But paddy fields are rich with rice again. Farm yards are stocked high with harvest. Bullock ploughs are at work in the fields.

Home is settling into peace. The Commonwealth Division is already being whittled down. It will be cut soon from its original 19,000 to Brigade strength — about 5,500, of which 2,700 roughly will be British.

So many men have gone already that the old lines are like a gap-toothed mouth.

### Anybody's Guess

THE troops should be snug enough in their winter quarters. Up to now they have lived in tents but very soon they will move into a hut.

The Division has bought 80 big huts from the Americans for £280 each. And all the comforts that have hitherto served 17,000 men will be concentrated for the use of the 5,500.

The War Office will continue little privileges too — like 50 free cigarettes each man weekly under the new set-up. General Murney hopes, "We don't want any feeling of a forgotten army," he said.

And how long yet will British soldiers remain in Korea? "That's anybody's guess," the General told me.

Down in Gloucester Valley — named after the glorious Gloucesters — concrete bunkers today are pouring out foundations for the Division's new home, and Gloucester Hill, aglow with autumn yellows and reds, echoes to hammer blows as a fine new house for the incoming Brigadier goes up.

It all has such a nasty, permanent look.

## A Late Holiday? Try A Hospital, They Said...

By Rene MacColl

London.

AS far as I am concerned, the year 1954 can go quietly round the corner and jump in the nearest river. Just let me give you what is known on that Sunday evening TV panel game as a "re-cap."

First I spend a whole month in Berlin, covering the Four-Power conference. I had never been in Berlin before. If you were to offer me a lot of money, I wouldn't go again. It was hideously cold all the time. Sir Anthony Eden told me that the weather agreed with him. It didn't agree with me.

Next I take off for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics where I remain for three long months. This year it has become rather fashionable to nip up to Moscow for the week-end. You know the form — lunch with Malenkov, breakfast with Krushchev, tea in the Kremlin, and then home to make a broadcast saying that one mustn't jump to conclusions on account of jumping in the river for the heart.

Well, I shall always think of China as sharks-fin-infested. The Chinese sure believe in the value of the cumulative build-up. The Death of a Thousand Cuts. The Torture of a Million Drops of Water. Yes, and the Shonach-Ache of the Plentiful Sharks' Fins.

Morgan Phillips and shark-fins will for ever remain intertwined in my fragrant garden of memories. All right. So I finally return to the U.K. in the autumn. And

But for MacColl it was a three-month stretch. Siberia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan. The works.

Back I finally come — and wham! There follow three weeks of consuming preposterous banquets across Red China with Morgan Phillips. There used to be a well-loved cliché about the "shark-infested Timor Sea."

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so? Ah — the well-earned vacation for MacColl. Where is it to be? Portugal? Greece? Sardinia? North Africa? No. Hospital.

Berlin, the U.S.S.R., Red China, hospital — a dandy year, don't you agree?

Here's the routine. You have been lying in bed for 24 hours under what is laughingly known as "observation."

Someone then briskly approaches the bed, cleans the dirty patch on your arm with methylated spirit, and inserts a vast syringe.

Ten minutes elapse. MacColl makes what he believes to be some outstandingly witty remark in a blurred voice. In fact, it is rather like the remarks which MacColl makes late at night after a good party.

MacColl is then taken for a little ride on a "trolley." Down the passage we go — cucumber sandwiches, chocolate eclairs, Lapang, Suchong, and MacColl. Just what the year's wife ordered.

Next we are lying staring up at some extremely bright lights. Faces upside down and sideways, swim above you. How piercing the surgeon's eyes look when he is wearing a mask. Must remind him always to wear a mask. That way he could wot them in Harley Street.

### SOFTENER-UPPER

Next the anaesthetic. Oh, yes, the syringe was only a preliminary — the softener-upper in preparation for the heymaker. The heymaker, oddly enough, takes the form of a deadly poison which certain South American Indians playfully dip in their arrowheads into, before going out for a spot of moving-target practice.

It is called curare, and I need hardly add how to be administered with the utmost discretion (come, come, Morgan Phillips, I know just what you're thinking).

Now where have I met this nice man before? How solicitous and kind — she is... We appear to be back in the bedroom which was our starting-off point, and which now seems to swirl a little before gently settling into place. But at all events, the operation of MacColl is terminated.

Wonder where they'll be sending me next?















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# Navy Men Will Dig At 'Haunted' Rectory

IT IS HOPED TO FIND TREASURE

London, Nov. 3.

Officers from HMS Ganges, the Royal Navy  
training base near Ipswich, have volunteered  
to help with digging at Borley Rectory, "Britain's  
most haunted house."

They have answered an appeal for volunteers made by Mr. Philip Paul, a London psychological  
researcher who is organising  
the excavations.

## THE GREY NUN

Mr Paul expects to find  
evidence of an underground  
passage beneath the site of  
the rectory, which was  
destroyed by fire in 1938.

He believes that church plate  
is buried there.

Borley Rectory is said to be  
haunted by the ghost of a "grey  
nun."

It was described as "Britain's  
most haunted house" by the late

Mr Harry Price, secretary of the  
Psychical Research Society.

The society made extensive  
researches there before the war.  
—(London Express Service).

## Security

## Measures

## Against I.R.A.

London, Nov. 3.

Security measures have been  
tightened at government offices  
and post offices here following a  
reported threat from the out-  
lawed Irish Republican Army.

An anonymous letter received  
by Scotland Yard last week and  
signed "a loyal Irishman" said  
attempts would be made by the  
I.R.A. to place bombs in pillar  
boxes and on government property  
in the next few days.

Special Branch detectives are  
now searching anonymous letter  
files to try to identify the hand-  
writing. The letter was sent in  
an official Post Office envelope.

The I.R.A. is pledged to end  
British rule in Ireland and unite  
the six northern provinces—now  
part of the United Kingdom—with  
the Republic in the south.

Last month it boasted of res-  
ponsibility for an attack on a  
British army barracks near  
Omagh, Northern Ireland, by 20  
men armed with sub-machine-  
guns, revolvers and knives.

Five months earlier raiders  
escaped with small arms and  
ammunition from the Armagh  
military barracks about 40 miles  
away without firing a shot.—  
Reuters.

## ALLEGED SPY

## RING IN

## PAKISTAN

Karachi, Nov. 3.

The Pakistan Criminal In-  
vestigation Department has  
arrested three men suspected  
of a country-wide spy ring,  
alleged to be working for an  
unidentified Commonwealth  
Government, it was learned to-  
day.

This brings the total of ar-  
rested persons to 15 including  
some air force personnel.

The police today threw a tight  
cloak of secrecy around their in-  
vestigations into the activities of  
the alleged spy ring to avoid  
"diplomatic complications," it  
was stated.

Government spokesmen would  
only say that "investigations are  
continuing."

There was also no statement  
forthcoming from the Foreign  
Office.—Reuters.

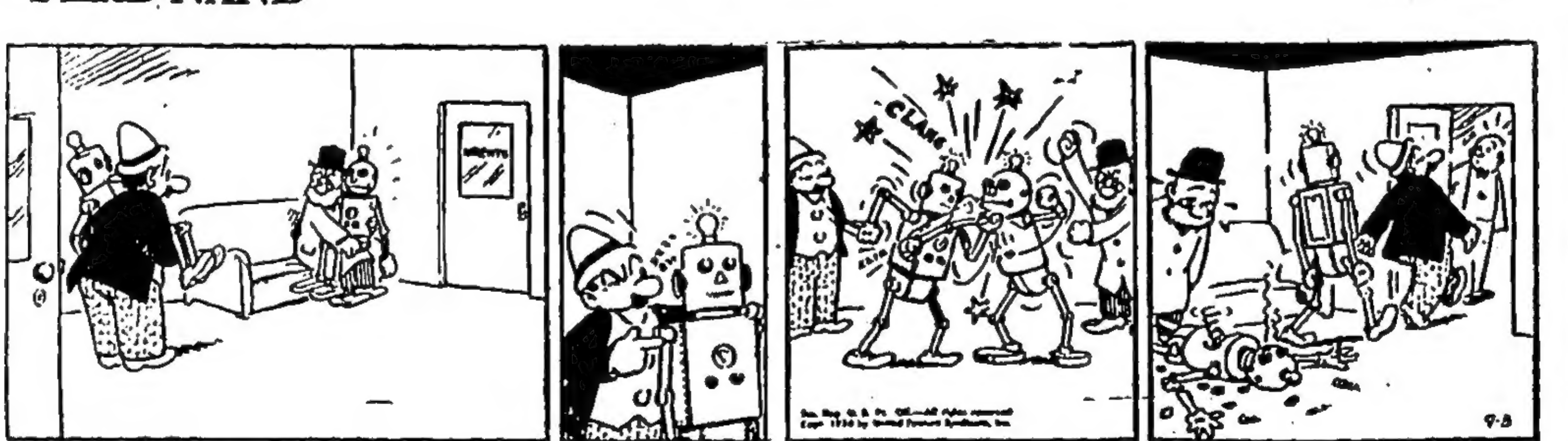
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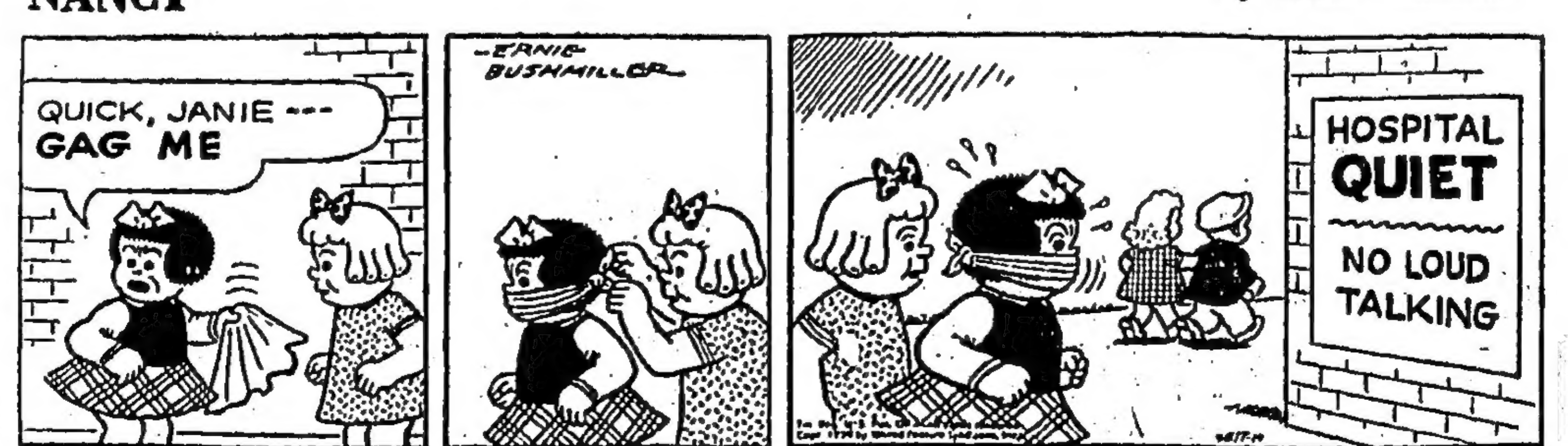
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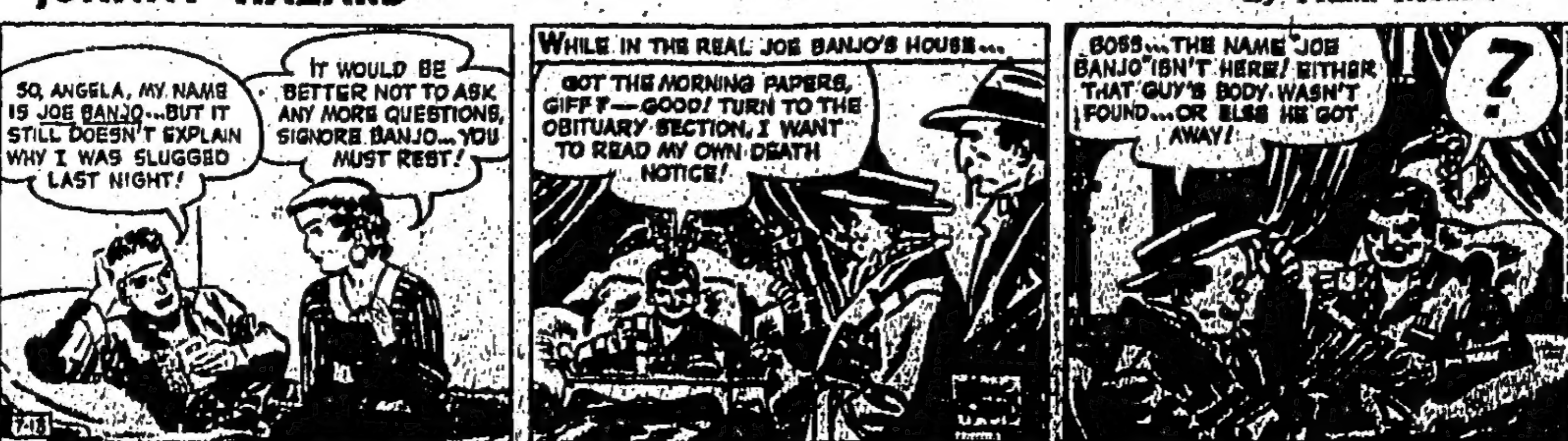
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## New US Plane

## In Europe

Spandau, Germany, Nov. 3.

The United States Air Force  
revealed here today that it now  
has its first twin-jet photo re-  
connaissance aircraft on the  
European continent.

Listed as the RB-57, the  
American version of the British  
two-jet Canberra medium  
bomber, it is powered by two  
J-35 jet engines each develop-  
ing 7,200-pound thrust.

Capable of attaining a speed  
and an altitude of the existing  
jet fighters, the RB-57 made by  
the Glenn Martin Company  
carries the most up-to-date  
cameras in its fuselage.

Revealing the presence of  
this aircraft in Europe at the  
annual conference on air re-  
connaissance of the Allied air  
forces, the American delegation  
said two U.S. Air Force wings  
in West Germany would  
shortly be equipped with these  
aircraft.—France-Press.

## French Debate

## Date Fixed

Paris, Nov. 3.

M. Pierre Mendes-France,  
the French Prime Minister, to-  
day set in motion the com-  
plicated process leading up to  
ratification of the treaties to  
bring a rearmé Germany into  
Western defence. He explained  
the treaties to the industrial  
foreign affairs committee of the  
National Assembly and he ob-  
tained the assent of the Steer-  
ing Committee to the dates he  
has fixed for the full-fledged  
Parliamentary debate on them—  
December 14 to 17.

Both Houses assembled to-  
day for their winter session and  
the Premier was given new  
proof of continuing support for  
his policies.

By 402 votes to 218, the  
National Assembly agreed to his  
proposed agenda, which sets  
November 12 for debate on the  
Algerian "terror" war and the  
French Military secrets scandal.

His opponents had pressed for  
an "immediate" debate on these  
questions.—Reuters.

## Moscow, Nov. 3.

A Japanese Trade Union  
delegation left for Moscow to-  
day after a four-day visit to  
Leningrad. "Task" the Soviet  
news agency reported.

The delegation is visiting  
various enterprises and factories  
the agency added.—Reuters.

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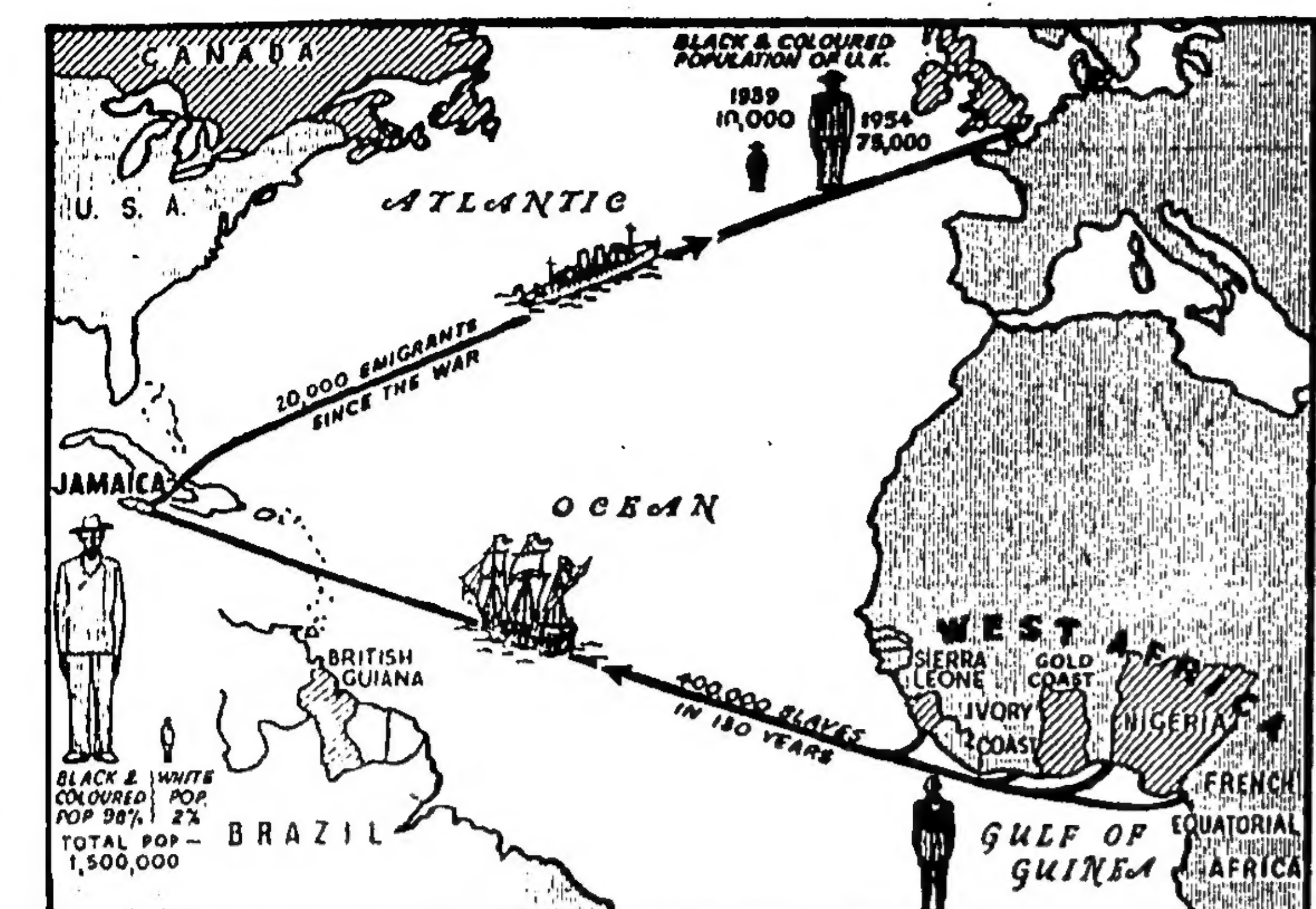
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## BRITAIN—PARADISE ISLAND



YOU cannot tell the rhapsody singing Jamaicans that Britain is not an island paradise.

"It couldn't be worse than Jamaica, anyway," they say. They point to their thousands of unemployed, the high prices, the minute wages. Then, they drag tattered old letters from their pockets—letters from their

brothers and cousins in Liverpool and Brighton, telling them it is better to be in Britain even when out of work and living on National Assistance.

So they save up the £80 needed for the fare. Or else they hide in holds as stowaways, armed with nothing but the passport which is their

"open sesame" at any British port. It recalls that grim flow of the slave trade, when 800,000 Negroes were shipped from Africa to Jamaica between 1690 and 1820. Since the war 20,000 dusky, happy-go-lucky Jamaicans have made the crossing—8,400 of them this year alone.

## LUCK PLAYS ITS PART FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS

By HUBERT HARRISON

Vienna, Nov. 3.

Dr Hermann Vetter, of the Vienna Archaeological Institute, who is excavating a great Celtic city on the Magdalenberg, 3,000 feet above sea level, near Klagenfurt, in Carinthia, believes in luck.

"Luck," he told me, "is a most valuable ally in archaeological research."

As an example of the important role of luck in archaeology Dr Vetter recalled that it was a Carinthian farmer ploughing his fields at the foot of the Magdalenberg mountain who turned up the famous statue of Greek boy—which led to the discovery of the Roman-Celtic remains in the vicinity.

Even more recently, Dr Vetter said, young people piling a heap of stones on the Magdalenberg, not far from his excavations, came to find a head of a Celtic deity.

Next day they took the head to Dr Ludwig Krenner, a Professor of Vienna University, who had excavated at Magdalenberg. Dr Krenner, who found Celtic art especially for his job at Oxford and had been in the field for a long time, was sure of the head's value.

Dr Krenner's verdict was that the head was a Celtic deity, and he told Dr Vetter and Dr Krenner, who had been excavating the Celtic site at Magdalenberg, who happened to be visiting the excavations.

"This Celtic head," he told Dr Vetter and Dr Krenner, "is one of the most significant examples of Celtic art, and puts all other Celtic finds in Central Europe in the shade."

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All three of these experts in Celtic art agreed that the newly found marble head, carved over 2,000 years ago by unknown Celtic bore a remarkable likeness to the head of the late Benito Mussolini, founder of Italian Fascism.

Indeed, the finely chiselled head, according to many people who have seen it, gives the impression of a modern work of art, carved by some sculptor of the Fascist era in Italy.

Another piece of luck this year, Dr Vetter said, was the result of the heavy rains which caused the earth to sink in certain places and thus disclosed to him a whole row of post-holes.

This in turn led him to discover the foundations of a large wooden hall, the largest Celtic wooden building yet discovered in the Alps.

Dr Vetter told me that he believed that the wooden hall had been a cultural institution, thus proving that even in pre-

Roman times, the Magdalenberg had been a centre of Celtic culture. Amid the charred remains of the posts in the post-holes, Dr Vetter found a Roman Republican coin of the first century before Christ. This suggests, he said, that the hall may have been destroyed by fire about this time.

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Altogether, Dr Vetter considers that he has every reason to be pleased with the results of this year's excavations. He has discovered that the bath-house which he uncovered last year and which was among the best preserved Roman bath-houses in Europe, coming second only to those of Pompeii, was only a small part of a much larger complex of buildings.

He has also found during the year a set of Celtic tools, including a sickle and a mason's mallet, which show that these tools varied hardly at all in breadth from those still used by craftsmen in Europe today.

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dom of Noricum—had trade and cultural relations with Egypt, Greece and North Africa as well as Italy.

Among the discoveries already made is a fine large purple building with central heating, a balcony with stone carvings for the Lords, and a huge banquet hall, near which the remains of a primitive refrigerator were found.

Two years ago, a wall painting of a horse, dating back to the Roman period, was found. This was probably, according to Dr Vetter, an antique, and preserved as such, even 2,000 years ago.

This, however, is only the Roman-influenced fringe of the great Celtic city where, Dr Vetter believes, beneath the mound of the Magdalenberg mountain, in the next few years, Dr Vetter hopes to prove that this city was once Noricum, the ancient capital of the Celtic world.

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## UNITED STATES NOT GETTING SHIP ORDERS

Washington, Nov. 3.

The United States has suffered more than any major maritime country in the world from the decline of new orders for ocean-going merchant vessels during the last two years, the American Merchant Marine Institute says in a report published here.

It adds that not a single order had been placed for such a vessel in the United States on private account during the fiscal year which ended last June 30. This had enabled Britain to become first among the tanker-operating countries.

In an analysis of the world's merchant fleets, the Institute stated that the world's shipyards currently had on order or under construction 18,156,000 deadweight tons of ocean-going vessels, or almost 6 million deadweight tons below the post-war peak of 22,146,000 tons in July, 1952. Even so, current world construction was 75 per cent above the volume recorded at the outbreak of the war in Korea.

The analysis showed that, on completion of present construction, the world's total ocean-going merchant fleet would be 47 per cent larger than the fleet in existence in 1936 and 10 per cent larger than it was now.

Tankers represented by far the greatest proportion of the world's merchant vessels on order. More than 10 million deadweight tons of tankers, or 82 per cent of the total, were on order, according to the analysis. Freighters construction was next in size with 5,700,000 tons, or 35 per cent of the total, with passenger-carrying vessels making up the balance.

## ANALYSIS

The analysis showed that more than half of the world's tanker construction had been ordered by two nations—Norway and Britain, with 25.6 and 24.6 per cent respectively. The

United States with 10.1 per cent of the world's tanker fleet in existence was having built for private account only 2.3 per cent of total world tanker construction. This limited construction of tankers for U.S. flag operation had resulted in the U.S. tanker fleet's drop from first to second place behind Britain for the first time since 1939.

In the freighter type, the analysis showed that, on completion of current programmes, the world's fleet would be 22 per cent larger than at the beginning of the second world war. While this construction was intended for about 30 nations, none was for private ownership under the U.S. flag despite the fact that the U.S. had 13.7 per cent of the world's freighter fleet. Principal countries that were having freighter tonnage built for their registry were Britain, 30.3 per cent, Norway, 13.6, Germany, 9.1, the Netherlands, 6.5, and France, 4.6.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, Nov. 3.

Abated hedge selling and strength of the stock market combined to prop cotton prices today after a mixed start.

After scoring gains up to 13 points, the market closed 1 to 9 points higher. Opening prices were off 3 to up 1 point. New Orleans closed up 2 to 3 points. Switching of December contracts to later positions, presumably transferring hedge positions forward, made up a good part of the activity.

Subsequent rallying tendencies came in face increasing expectations for a sharp increase in the Government crop estimate on Monday.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open	Interest
Dec.	91,300	471,500	
Mar.	36,800	620,900	
May	34,500	640,500	
July	27,900		
Oct.	3,700	102,200	
Dec.	4,000	63,400	
Mar.	4,000	16,300	
Total	192,300	2,716,600	bales

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	Dec.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.
33.00	33.44	33.70	33.97	34.24	34.51	34.78	35.05
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The funeral service is to be held at Singapore Sacred Heart Church.

Mrs. Eu was born in Perak, Northern Malaya, 64 years ago.

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